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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, which issued November 18, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, and the telephonic communication from the Examiner on February 14, 2006, it is Applicants' understanding that the present Office Action is going to be withdrawn. In addition, a new Office Action will be issued.

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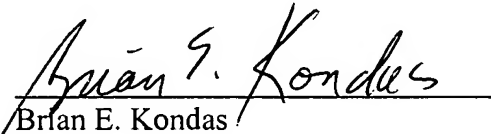
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Respectfully submitted,

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